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Subject: Willamette River (Portland Harbor) Superfund Cleanup

As one who swims, fishes and rafts on the Willamette River with friends and family I consider it "our river," and one in which I wish to see returned to a much cleaner and safer (from pollutants) state. We understand that pollutants such as PCBs, DDT, and oil-based contaminants were released into the Willamette River for decades, and collected in the river bottom across a 10 mile stretch of river. The pollutants are also found in riverside lands. These and other pollutants can increase the risk of cancer for people who eat resident fish on a regular basis. The pollutants can also have negative impacts on a range of wildlife, from fish and baby river otters, to shorebirds and Osprey. Much of it is very toxic, and needs to be removed from the river. Those who have liability for the pollution in our river are required to clean it up under the federal Superfund law, or they must pay to clean it up. There are over 100 different entities who hold liability in relation to Portland Harbor

I have a few initial comments I wish to offer on the current Cleanup Draft Proposal:

- 1) The Draft Cleanup Plan removes far too little contaminated sediment from the Willamette River. At least 1000 acres of polluted sediment needs to be removed from the river.
- 2) The Draft Cleanup Plan prescribes far too much "Monitored Natural Recovery" which in essence leaves polluted material in the river, and monitors it over time.
- 3) The goal of the cleanup must be to end the Fish Consumption Advisory related to pollutants found in the Portland Harbor stretch of the Willamette River. That must apply to all people. The US EPA must provide a date by which the advisory will be lifted.
- 4) Those who have liability for the PCBs, PAH, DDT and other pollutants now in the river sediments, must meet their community obligation to do the right thing and conduct a comprehensive and timely cleanup.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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